

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:ASIG, BEXP, OCON, KS

SUBJECT:EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

REF: SEOUL 0126

1. STATE AND COMMERCE DIFFER WITH POST'S STATEMENTS PARA

1 REFTEL. PURPOSE OF PRESENTATIONS AT PAST CONFERENCES

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HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE POSTS WITH REALISTIC ASSESSMENTS OF THE  
PRESENT AND GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE. COMMIT-  
MENTS TO SUPPORT PARTICULAR POST EFFORTS, AS AGREED ON  
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE FIELD, WERE KEPT SUBJECT TO  
UNEXPECTED BUDGET REDUCTIONS. THIS IS PLANNING METHOD  
WHICH NECESSITY IMPOSES ON US; TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO PROMISES  
BEYOND OUR CAPABILITY TO DELIVER HAVE BEEN MADE. COMMERCE

CANNOT PROMISE DIRECT FINANCIAL HELP TO POST. IF POST HAS EXAMPLES OF SUCH PROMISES COMMERCE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM. SUGGEST POST REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN COMMERCE AND EMBASSY WITH RESPECT TO THE TRADE CENTER. ALL COMMITMENTS MADE HAVE BEEN KEPT.

2. COMMERCE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO SEOUL DELEGATES MEETING WITH TRADE CENTER DIRECTORS AT CONFERENCE. WE MUST ADD THAT THERE ARE NO TRADE CENTERS IN MANILA OR HONG KONG. COMMERCE APPROES CONCEPT OF A SPIN OFF PROGRAM AND WILL SUPPORT IT TO DEGREE RESOURCES ALLOW. COMMERCE, OF COURSE,

MUST APPROVE ANY AGREEMENT IN WHICH THESE TRADE CENTERS WOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SEOUL.

3. COMMERCE AND STATE LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH POST AT EITHER SINGAPORE CONFERENCE OR AFTER CONFERENCE WHEN GARNITZ AND BERLIN WILL VISIT SEOUL. KISSINGER

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